

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10000 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
6:00 PM – TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017**

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Lana Mook, Vice Mayor Joe Ramirez, Councilmember Roy Delgado, Councilmember Bob Jones, Councilmember Jack Palladino, Councilmember Lynn Selby, Councilmember David Shapera

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Silence Cell Phones & Pagers

III. PROCLAMATION

P1. Proclamation designating April, 2017 as Fair Housing Month
(Administration)

Grants Writer Janeen Gaskins reported the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (the Fair Housing Act) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 ensures full and fair access to housing opportunities. A shelter is a basic human need and when shelter is denied the quality of human life is greatly diminished. People must not be denied equal access to and enjoyment of housing because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status. The City of El Mirage recognizes and values the efforts of those who seek to identify and eliminate barriers to a full and fair housing opportunity.

Mayor Mook proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month and stated the City of El Mirage encourages all citizens to work for tolerance and equal opportunity in our community.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Citizens desiring to speak on a matter that IS NOT on this agenda may do so at this time. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person and shall be addressed to the City Council as a whole. At the conclusion of the Call to the Public, individual City Council Members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken (2) direct staff to review or respond to the matter, and/or (3) direct that the matter be put on a future agenda.

No public comment cards were received.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be voted on with one motion. If discussion is desired regarding any Consent Agenda Item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

1. Consideration and action approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, March 7, 2017. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve the destruction of municipal documents that have reached the end of their retention period as authorized under A.R.S. §41-151.19. (City Clerk)
3. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R17-03-05 to accept FY 2017/18 GOHS funding, if awarded, for Police Department Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement Overtime in the amount of \$35,000 and \$1,000 for associated education materials. (Police)
4. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R17-03-06 accept FY 2017/18 GOHS funding, if awarded, for STEP Enforcement in an amount not to exceed \$16,800 in support of Police Traffic Services. (Police)
5. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R17-03-07 to accept GOHS Police funding, if awarded, for a Roadway Safety/Traffic Records FY 2017/2018 Police Department STEP-PT grant in the amount of \$61,500 for technology, training and supplies. (Police)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approved Items 1 through 5 on the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously (7/0).

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to utilize a City of El Mirage JOC with P1 Paving to relocate the existing Community Garden on El Mirage Road from Thunderbird Road to Ventura Street in an amount of \$86,085. (Development & Community Services)

Development and Community Services Jorge Gastelum explained that the relocation of the community garden is part of the FY 2017-21 CIP and was approved in the FY 2016-17 Budget. Previous bids that were over the budgeted amount were rejected by Council on January 3, 2017 and this contract with P1 Paving in the amount of \$86,085 is being presented for the majority of the project. Under separate contract, installation of irrigation will be done by Carescape and the fence and gates will be done by Capitol Fence. In-house work by Public Works and Engineering for miscellaneous removal and relocations and construction staking will complete the relocation of the community garden.

Councilor Jones asked for clarification on whether the separate contracts were included in the P1 Paving bid and Mr. Gastelum stated they are not included; Carescape and Capitol Fence will each be approximately \$10,000.

Dr. Isom clarified the total amount for P1 Paving, Carescape and Capitol Fence will be less than the budgeted amount. The balance remaining after the P1 Paving contract is \$29,000 which is more than sufficient to pay for the separate contracts for Carescape and Capitol.

Councilor Selby asked what the total cost would be and Mr. Gastelum reported it would be just under the budget of \$115,000.

Councilor Shapera stated he is pleased the City is saving money even though he is not in favor of moving the garden.

Vice Mayor Ramirez asked if items in the existing garden will be moved and Mr. Gastelum answered as much as possible would be transferred. Vice Mayor Ramirez asked specifically whether the columns could be moved and was informed that as much as possible will be salvaged and relocated but new columns may need to be constructed; the fencing will be replaced with new since it is less expensive than relocating the existing fencing.

Dr. Isom added the relocation of the garden since has become a necessity as Thunderbird and El Mirage Road is a prominent commercial economic development corner and there are parties interested in purchasing that corner location. Finance Director Robert Nilles stated this corner is valued at more at \$1M and the RFP for the purchase of this corner was just recently released to the public.

Councilor Palladino asked if the decorative entrance gate could be salvaged and Mr. Gastelum responded it would, in fact, be transferred to the new location.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve utilization of a City of El Mirage JOC with P1 Paving to relocate the existing Community Garden on El Mirage Road from Thunderbird Road to Ventura Street in an amount of \$86,085; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion passed (5/2); nay votes were cast by Councilors Shapera and Delgado.

- B. Consideration and action to authorize purchase of a new fire pumper engine scheduled for replacement and approved in the FY 2017/18 CIP in an amount not to exceed \$550,000. (Fire)

Fire Chief Jim Wise reported the lead time required to purchase a fire engine is generally 9 - 12 months because they are custom built. For that reason it is necessary to begin the process to have the vehicle ready for next fiscal year. The reason for this request is to purchase an "off-the-shelf" engine (partially complete) that could be available for delivery early next fiscal year, possibly in July.

Mayor Mook inquired if this engine is what the Fire Department wants and needs and Chief Wise reported it is both. It is manufactured by Pierce and will fit the needs of the Fire Department and the community.

Councilor Shapera asked if there was any trade-in value to the engine being replaced and Chief Wise responded they had checked with a previous vendor and were given a nominal trade-in amount of \$10K. He stated since there is so little value the engine could be donated or sold and Councilor Shapera suggested the City contact smaller departments who might be able to use the old engine.

Councilor Delgado stated the Town of Gila Bend has asked about possibly purchasing the engine and the Town of Yarnell also approached him regarding the purchase/donation of this engine.

Vice Mayor Ramirez asked if the engine is delivered fully equipped and Chief Wise responded that the engine is essentially complete but some additions will be required for local needs.

Councilor Jones asked what savings would be realized by buying "off- the-shelf" and Chief Wise reported there would be an initial savings of about \$75K off the top plus an additional 5-15% savings from an anticipated cost increase next year.

Councilor Selby asked if electronics from the existing engine would be retrofitted onto the new engine or if new equipment is required. Chief Wise answered some of the equipment will be used on other vehicles but that additionally required new equipment for the new engine had already been budgeted separately in next year's fiscal budget outside the cost of the engine.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve the purchase of a new fire pumper engine scheduled for replacement and approved in the FY 2017/18 CIP in an amount not to exceed \$550,000; seconded by Councilor Jones. Motion passed unanimously (7/0).

VII. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

The City Council may not act upon any matter in the City Manager's summary but may have general comment or questions. Items to be discussed will include, but not be limited to, the following:

Dr. Isom stated he had no report.

VIII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS and COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

The Mayor and City Council may not discuss or act upon any matter in the summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

No comments were received from the Mayor or Councilmembers.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.



Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the aforementioned minutes are a true and accurate record of the Regular Council Meeting of the El Mirage City Council held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 and a quorum was present.


Sharon Antes, City Clerk